



**IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

VRFA/DC/036/23

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| 1. Ernest Yao Gaewu, (Justice) | Chairman |
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| 3. Felix Seloame | Member |
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28th May, 2023

KOPEYIA UNITED FC VRS KETU WHITE STARS FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION
TWO LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT SOSEC PARK.**

PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Article 56 of the GFA Statutes (2019) and 35(9) of the Regional Football Association (RFAs) Leagues Regulations, this Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as “**The Committee**”) considered the deposition from Kopeyia United Fc (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) and Ketu White Stars FC (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondent**”) with supporting attachments from both parties and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE OF KOPEYIA UNITED FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against Ketu White Stars FC for fielding unqualified players in a league during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 21st May, 2023 at Somey School Park contrary to Article 28(1)(a)(b)(c) and (d), of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

The Petitioner claims the Respondent fielded unqualified players James Dagadzi (1) and Talent Atsuvia (9).

The Petitioner further claims that the following;

1. That said player James Dagadzi (1) registered for Aflao Royals Boys with 14/07/1994 as his Date of Birth in the FIFA Connect System with ID GHA 054750M and with White Stars FC with 30/01/2002 as his Date of Birth with ID GHA 104542M in the FIFA Connect System.
2. That Atsuvia Talent (9) Date of Birth 01/10/2005, in the FIFA Connect System with GHA 104527M, is the same person with Date of Birth 03/12/2005 with ID GHA 152277M in the FIFA Connect System.
3. That the said unqualified players have the same photograph registered in the FIFA Connect System. The Petitioners state Articles 28(2)(a)(1)(a)(b)(c)(d) and 33(i)(e) seek relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioner attached the following;

1. The current FIFA Connect System proved documents bearing details of these unqualified players of the Respondent.
2. The team sheet of the Respondent
3. The copy of the same case filed by Kopeyia United against the Respondent in relation to James Dagadzi and Talent Atsuvia.

DEFENSE OF KETU WHITE STARS FC

The Respondent in response stated the following in defense to the case.

1. That the said players were duly vetted and approved by the RFA and GFA in the FIFA Connect System
2. The Respondent attached scanned copy of their cards issued by the GFA for the season.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS OF DECISION

The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings

1. That protest was lodged in accordance with Article 35(1)(3) of the Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations
2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 35(4) of The Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations
3. That Atsuvia Talent in the FIFA Connect system of Heritage FC is the same person in the FIFA Connect system of the Respondent.
4. That Atsuvia Talent was first registered by the Respondent with 01/10/2005 as his date of birth and transferred to Heritage FC. Heritage FC re-registered the said player with a new date of birth 31/12/2005. The player was released to the Respondent by Heritage FC on the 25th January, 2023. The said player is guilty of double registration.
5. That James Dagadzi was first registered by Aflao Royals FC with 14/07/1994 as his Date of Birth and the Respondent re-registered the player anew with 30/01/2002 as his new Date of Birth using the same name.
6. That both Atsuvia Talent and James Dagadzi are guilty of double registration.
7. That the Respondent aided the double registration of the said players Atsuvia Talent and James Dagadzi.

DECISION


It is the decision of The Committee that;

2. The Petitioners' case is hereby upheld and that 3 points and 3 goals shall be awarded to the Petitioner, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
3. The Respondent shall suffer 3 points deduction from the Club's accumulated points.
3. That said player Atsuvia Talent and James Dagadzi shall be suspended from participating in matches and competition organized by the GFA for one year in accordance with article 28(2)(c) Of of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

4. The Respondent is hereby fine GH C 300.00 of which 50% shall be paid to the Petitioner in accordance to Article 33(5) (b) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.

5. The Respondent shall pay the fine in decision Three (3) above within ten (10) days in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA (RFAs) Leagues Regulations

6. The Respondent shall be liable to the consequential effect of Article 37 (1)(b) and 37 (8)(c) if the club fails to pay the fine imposed on the club in decision Four (4) above.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman